

MEETING DATE: April 9, 2020

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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Temporary Staff Authority to Approve BSCC Grant Project Scope Changes, Modifications of Program Purpose Areas, and No Cost Extensions In Consultation with the Board Chair: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to temporarily approve project scope changes, modifications of program purpose areas, and no-cost extensions to state and federal grant programs impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19), in consultation with the Board Chair.

Background

Due to COVID-19 and its widespread impacts across the state, many grant-funded programs have expressed interest in pausing, modifying, and/or extending their Grant Agreements to cope with service delivery challenges. State and local directives to stay at home or shelter in place, perform essential activities, and practice social distancing have severely limited the ability of many programs to provide services as originally intended.

Traditionally, project scope changes, modifications of program purpose areas, and no-cost extensions are presented to the Board by staff for Board approval. Staff anticipates an increase in the volume of projects requesting project changes between the April and June 2020 Board meeting and seeks temporary authority to approve these types of changes during this period in consultation with the Board Chair. Staff will ensure proposed changes are consistent with the grants' stated purpose and maintain written documentation of all modifications.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Grant staff temporary authority between the April and June Board meetings to approve grant project scope changes, modifications of program purpose areas, and no-cost extensions in consultation with the Board Chair.